

**William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson,
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New Orleans, January 6, 1815.

Sir, I loose no time in sending you the examinations of the Prisoners brought this evening from Chef Menteur—they have been questioned *separate* and *apart* ; their statements go to shew, that the Enemy had recently been reinforced; that other forces were expected, and that they were engaged in opening a canal some where. the free negro man, who was formerly a prisoner at New Orleans relates his Story with much apparent candour, and you will find it in many parts corroborated by the others. I must confess, I am not without apprehensions that the Enemy may attempt a passage to the Gentilly Road, by the Bayou near the fortified camp and in front of Brittannia's 1 plantation. It may be I am in error, but from the representations made to me, I am of opinion that *that Bayou is an assailable point* , and that it ought to be well guarded. Col. Shaumburg applied to the Quarter Master General this Evening for transportation for the Militia from Chifuncté; if he furnishes transportation, Genl. McCausland 2 with 300 men will be here in a few days.

1 Bertonnière's.

2 Robert McCausland, militia general.

I am, Sir, Your h'ble Servt.